[6th September 1928

Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao :—"May I know from the hon. the Revenue Member whether the tank restoration scheme division has begun its work ?"

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks :—"I should like to have notice."

Repairs to the Mathalai Mannadikulam tank in Madura district

* 213 Q.—Mr. W. P. A. Soundarapandia Nadar : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Mathalai Mannadikulam tank in Mela-Gudaloor, Madura district, is in urgent need of repairs, and whether general repairs to the tank have not been carried out within the last twenty years;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that the Collector of Madura is demanding contributions towards the repair of the said tank from the ayacutdars ; and whether the repairs are postponed on account of the non-payment of contribution by the ryots;

(*c*) if so, why the Collector demands such contribution from the ryots;

(*d*) whether the bund on either side of the existing sluice was cut open to see if the sluice is in a good condition and whether after such opening, it was washed away by floods;

(*e*) whether the Tahsildar by beat of tom-tom in the village proclaimed that the ryots should close the above cut and whether the ryots have done the work;

(*f*) whether the present Tahsildar has refused payment for the work done by the ryots although his predecessor has ordered that payment should be made for the work done by the ryots ; and

(*g*) whether the repairs to the tank will be carried out at least in the coming year?

A.—(*a*) *to* (*g*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer given to question No. 1767 on 16th March 1928. The Government have no information but have called for a report.

Reforms

Memoranda sent to the Simon Commission.

* 214 Q.—Sriman Biswanath Das Mahasayo : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of memoranda and memorials sent through the Local Government or Collectors of districts to the Simon Commission in the name of associations and societies ; and

(*b*) whether the Government have enquired into the existence and the standing of such institutions?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) Non-official Associations and Societies are not required to send their memoranda or memorials either through the Collectors of districts or through the Local Government. No memoranda or memorials from non-official sources were received for transmission or sent through the Government to the Statutory Commission. In a few instances copies of such communications were received by the Government for information. The Government have made no enquiries about the